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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FILED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This responds to the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2010 (hereinafter “the Office Action”), which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on July 19, 2010. Accordingly, a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a three-month extension of time, i.e., up to October 19, 2010, accompanies this submission. Further, a Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith. This paper is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 83 of this paper.